

REMARKS

At the outset, applicant and his attorneys wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the recent interview. The Examiner's careful attention to the application and helpful suggestions on that occasion are greatly appreciated.

It will be recalled that at the interview, an actual watch embodying the present invention was demonstrated. The Examiner will recall that the strap can be loosened from the case, only by positioning the strap in a position transverse to the position in which the watch is worn. With the strap in that position, and the two pushbuttons on opposite sides pushed, the strap was loosened from the case; and of course the reverse procedure is followed for reattachment.

This means that when the watch is worn, the strap will not be in that transverse position and so, if the pushbuttons are pushed, the strap cannot be loosened from the case.

As was agreed at the interview, the applied prior art has no such concept whatsoever.

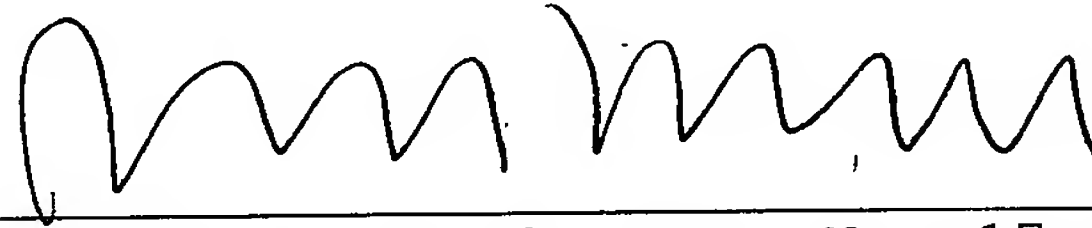
But agreement could not be reached at the interview that a corresponding amendment would be entered and the application allowed. Instead, subsequent to the interview, it was decided in the Patent Office that a Request for Continued Examination would be needed, in order to justify entry of this amendment after final rejection. Such a Request accompanies this

amendment, and passage to issue is accordingly respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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